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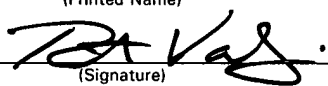
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Tadao KIKUMOTO

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (23 pages).
- ☒ Informal drawings (10 sheets, Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 8, 9a, 9b, 9c, 10a, 10b, 10c).
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney (\_\_\_ pages).

- ☐ Assignment of the invention to Roland Corporation.
- ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- ☐ Small Entity statement.
- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).
- ☐ Claim for Convention Priority.

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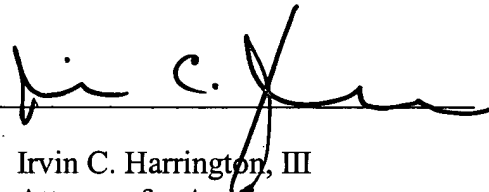
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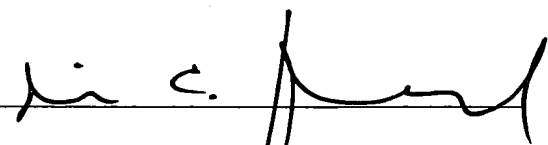
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